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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 21 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 39th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 9th meeting Conference Room 4

Consideration of programme 1 of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 (A/51/6)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 10th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security items:

Agenda items [60] (A/51/27, 208-S/1996/543, 1017-S/1996/632); [61] (A/51/179, 209); [62]; [63]; [64]; [65]; [66] (A/51/27, 123, 127, 131, 163, 167, 174, 208-S/1996/543, 262, 412, A/C.1/51/4, 5, 8); [67] (A/51/113-S/1996/276, 117-S/1996/290, 216-S/1996/563, 286); [68] (A/51/176); [69] (A/51/27, 163, 262); [70] (A/51/27, 262); [71] (A/51/27, 42, 60-S/1996/62, 69-S/1996/122, 72-S/1996/148, 77-S/1996/181, 127, 131, 136, 137, 139, 157, 159-S/1996/418, 163, 165-S/1996/435, 167, 169-S/1996/444, 174, 181, 188-S/1996/511, 207, 208-S/1996/ 543, 214, 218, 220, 224, 262, 266-S/1996/621, 279, 300, 313, 323, 393, 452, 462-S/1996/831, A/C.1/51/7); [72] (A/51/27, 60-S/1996/62, 69-S/1996/122, 72-S/1996/148, 77-S/1996/181, 137, 188-S/1996/511, 219, 274-S/1996/631, 287, 403, 445); [73] (A/51/27, 42, 86-S/1996/216, 137, 175, 182, 346-S/1996/740, 352, 364); [74] (A/51/446); [75] (A/51/139, 254); [76] (A/51/210, 230 and Corr.1); [77] (A/51/29); [78]; [79] (A/51/117-S/1996/290, 151); [80]; [81] (A/51/60-S/1996/62, 89, 137, 202-S/1996/537, 318-S/1996/706, 351-S/1996/744, 401-S/1996/782, 461-S/1996/830)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-11a.m. informal meeting Conference Room 2

[Mr. Bert Bolin, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, will be the keynote speaker to address issues related to agenda item 97 (e) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind).]

SECOND COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-12 noon	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

[Informal exchange of views with the representative of the World Bank]

12 noon-1 p.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

[Informal exchange of views with Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development]

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [97] (A/51/3 (Part II), A/51/87, A/51/131, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/210, A/51/211-S/1996/551, A/51/295, A/51/357, A/51/462-S/1996/831, A/51/375)

(c) Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (A/51/312)

(d) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing Countries (A/51/354)

(e) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/51/484)

(f) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (A/51/186-E/1996/80)

Introductory statements and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101] (A/51/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/327, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/357, A/51/450, A/C.3/51/L.2, A/C.3/51/L.3)

2. International drug control [102] (A/51/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/68, A/51/87, A/51/93, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/129-E/1996/53, A/51/295, A/51/375, A/51/437, A/51/436, A/51/469)

3. Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime [158] (A/C.3/51/7)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.4

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101] (A/51/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/327, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/357, A/51/450, A/C.3/51/L.2, A/C.3/51/L.3)

3. International drug control [102] (A/51/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/68, A/51/87, A/51/93, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/129-E/1996/53, A/51/295, A/51/375, A/51/437, A/51/436, A/51/469)

4. Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime [158] (A/C.3/51/7)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Pattern of conferences [118] (A/51/32, A/51/253, A/51/268 and Corr.1, A/51/337 and A/51/125)

Continuation of general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116] (A/C.5/50/57 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.16 and A/51/7/Add.1)

Continuation of general discussion

3. Human resources management [120] (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/2, A/C.5/51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304, A/51/421 and A/51/475)

Continuation of general discussion

4. Programme planning [114] (A/51/6 (Perspective and Note), A/51/6 (fascicles) and A/51/16 (Part I and II))

Introduction

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Human resources management (A/C.5/51/2 and A/51/475))

* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

[Drafting Committee on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (11th and 12th meetings)]

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Financial reports and audited financial statement, and reports of the Board of Auditors: accounting standards
2. Draft report

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 21 October 1996

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: DRAFTING GROUP 1 OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT FELLOWSHIP, TRAINING AND ADVISORY SERVICES PROGRAMME

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(Third Committee matters: item 114 (on Programme planning))

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: CONTACT GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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A high-level (closed) consultation on "Post-conflict Peace-building in West Africa: Political and Development Initiatives" will be held under the auspices of the Secretary-General on Monday, 21 October 1996, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Nuclear disarmament" on Monday, 21 October 1996, from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects" on Monday, 21 October 1996, from 2.30 p.m to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Presentation

Mr. Robert Watson, Senior Adviser, Environmental Science, Environment Department (World Bank), will hold a presentation on "Global Environmental Threats to Sustainable Development" on Monday, 21 October 1996, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Several reports will be distributed. Members of delegations, non-governmental organizations and Secretariat Staff are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 22 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	10th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 4

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

[Drafting Committee on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (13th meeting)]

3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 1

[Working Group of the Whole on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (13th meeting)]

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee are open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. Nicole Pouilleul, tel.: 212-963-5700, fax: 212-963-5935).

Informal meetings of the Second Committee

H.E. Mr. Razali Ismail, President of the General Assembly, will be the keynote speaker during an informal meeting of the Second Committee on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, from 3 p.m. to

4 p.m., to address issues related to agenda item 97 (b) (Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21).

H.E. Mr. Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawago, Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations and Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, will brief the Second Committee on the outcome of the most recent Bureau meeting of the Commission, on Wednesday, 23 October 1996, from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Mr. Mauricio de Maria y Campos, Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), will hold an informal executive briefing for delegations on industrial development cooperation (agenda item 95 (a)), on Friday, 25 October 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 7th meeting on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to conclude the general debate on agenda item 82 and take action on the draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.3/Rev.1. The Committee will also begin consideration of agenda 92 (The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia).

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The Extended Bureau of the Committee on Information will hold consultations with the Deparment of Public Information on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, at 4 p.m. in room S-1027.

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The meeting of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations will meet on Thursday, 24 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The 1996 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1996 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Monday, 4 November 1996, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Tuesday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 1996 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Monday, 4 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G, ext. 3-2320/3-5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open beginning 28 October until 1 November. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: 3-2320 or 3-5973, fax: 212-963-5935, room S-2950G)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

The next meetings of the resumed substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened from 13 to 14 November 1996. The provisional agenda for the resumed session is contained in document E/1996/93. The following items will be taken up as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/1996/93)

   Selection of themes for the high-level, the coordination segment and the high-level segment on operational activities for development for the 1997 substantive session of the Council (E/1996/103)

2. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: business and Development [6 (i)] (E/1996/99, E/1996/L.26)

3. Coordination questions: reports of the coordination bodies [9 (a)] (E/1996/18 and Add.1)

4. Non-governmental organizations [10] (E/1996/102)*

5. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields [11] (A/51/16 (Part II))

6. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: "Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" [13] (E/1996/CRP.3/Rev.1 and CRP.5)

7. Elections [14] (E/1996/95 and Corr.1, E/1996/L.15/Add. 2)

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* To be issued.

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The first meeting of the Inter-agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality of the Administrative Committee on Coordination will be held at Headquarters from 22 October to 23 October 1996. The meeting will be convened on Tuesday, 22 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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An informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the Bureau of the Commission on Thursday, 24 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. The consultation will continue consideration of the plans for the forty-first session, in accordance with the Commission's agreed conclusions 1996/1. Background papers on this issue have been prepared by the Secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and these will be available at the offices of the Division (DC2-1250).

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1997* on Thursday, 31 October 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Inter-parliamentary Union on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Second Committee matters: item 97 (f) (International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction) and item 97 (a) (Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development))* on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Second Committee matters: item 114 (Programme planning))* on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room A.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Second Committee matters: item 97 (b) (Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21))* on Wednesday, 23 October 1996, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Commonwealth Permanent Representatives on Thursday, 7 November 1996, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal meetings

There will be a CTBT informal Bureau meeting (open-ended) on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the following subjects: (a) Rules of Procedures; (b) Staff Regulations and Rules; and (c) Provisional Technical Secretariat.

There will be a CTBT informal Bureau meeting (open-ended) on Wednesday, 23 October 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the following subjects: (a) Financial Rules and Regulations; (b) Provisional Budget (preliminary); and (c) Scale of Assessments (preliminary).

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The informal meeting of the States signatories of the amended Protocol II to the Convention on Certain Convential Weapons and all other interested States will be held on Wednesday, 23 October 1996, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Disarmament Commission" on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Conventional Arms Control at the Regional and Sub-regional Levels" on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, at 12 noon in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons" on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on Southern Hemisphere on Wednesday, 23 October 1996, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Regional Disarmament" on Thursday, 24 October 1996, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Presentation

There will be a presentation by the Director-General of UNESCO, Mr. Federico Mayor, on "Towards a Culture of Peace" (in conjunction with agenda item 110 (b)) on Friday, 25 October 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Briefings

The Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will hold a briefing (open) on the World Solar Summit (2-5 September 1996, Harare) in conjunction with agenda item 97 (Environment and sustainable development), on Tuesday, 22 October 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) will hold an informal briefing on Friday, 25 October 1996, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS, and Mrs. Sally Cowal, Director of External Relations on UNAIDS, will give a briefing on the major issues and latest developments of UNAIDS. All interested delegations, United Nations Programmes and specialized agencies are invited to attend.

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The briefing by the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. José Ayala-Lasso, scheduled for Friday, 25 October 1996, has been cancelled.

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Symposium

The United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the NGO Committee on Narcotics and Substance Abuse will hold a Symposium on the theme "Mobilizing Communities to Prevent Drug Abuse" on Wednesday, 23 October 1996, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. The Symposium will be moderated by Dr. Herbert Kleber, Executive Vice-President of the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (Columbia University). The Panelists will be Ms. Jacqueline Butler, Professor at the University of Cincinnati and Executive Director of CPC/Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Ms. Maritza Rojas, Director of Evaluation of the C.E.D.R.O. (NGO) (Peru), Ms. Leanne Riley, Senior Prevention Specialist of WHO, and Mr. Gale Day, Chief of the Interagency Coordination of UNDCP. Introductory remarks by the Panelists will be followed by an open discussion. Members of delegations, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, accredited media, non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited.

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United Nations Day Observance

This year's United Nations Day observance will be held on Thursday, 24 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Children from different parts of world will participate in the hour-long programme through a video conference. The President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General will address the gathering.

Members of delegations, non-governmental organizations, the media and United Nations staff are invited to attend the programme.

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Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.*, on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of October, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 18 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 7th meeting

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of Bolivia, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Venezuela, Israel, India, Ghana, Gabon, China and Fiji.

8th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, New Zealand, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Bangladesh, the observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the representative of Singapore and by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 8th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Mali, Gabon, Singapore, Nicaragua, Benin, Israel, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Morocco, South Africa, Kazakstan, Malta and Sri Lanka.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate.

9th meeting

Operational activities for development [98]

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to document A/51/124, which was also to be considered under this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Nepal, the Philippines, Guinea, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ukraine, Indonesia, the United States, Guyana and Bolivia.

The representative of the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization made a statement.

The representatives of UNDP, UNICEF and UNIFEM responded to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on agenda item 98.

Organization of work

The Chairman responded to questions raised by the representatives of Peru, Benin, United States and Nigeria.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 5th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

International drug control [102]

Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime [158]

The Committee began its joint consideration of agenda items 101, 102 and 158.

The Under-Secretary-General and Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Cuba, Bolivia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Japan, Venezuela, Mexico and the Czech Republic.

6th meeting

The Committee continued its joint general discussion of agenda items 101, 102 and 158.

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of CARICOM), Bolivia, Guatemala (also on behalf of Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua), Israel, Côte d'Ivoire, Sri Lanka and Turkey.

The representative of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) made a statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Under-Secretary-General and Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna, in which the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, Colombia, Algeria, United Kingdom, Peru, Turkey, Austria and the Islamic Republic of Iran took part.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 9th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [119]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, Singapore, Liberia, the Bahamas, the United Republic of Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Mynamar and Chad.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions made a concluding statement on the general discussion.

The representatives of Canada and Italy exercised their right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bolivia (on behalf of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica (representing the Central American countries), Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Bolivia), Japan and Indonesia.

Human resources management [120]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Rwanda, Paraguay, the Republic of Korea and Chad.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representative of Mexico, as well as by the Chairman.

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Addendum to the summary of the 6th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committtee) (see *Journal* No. 1996/202, p.9): the following should be added:

Reports to the General Assembly

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without objection, to authorize the Rapporteur to submit the reports on the items directly to the General Assembly.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (18 October 1996*)

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Burundi
H.E. Mr. Terence Nsanze

Asian States:
Malaysia
H.E. Mr. Hasmy Agam
Alternate Permanent Representative

Eastern European States:
Lithuania
H.E. Mr. Oskaras Jusys

Latin American and Caribbean States:
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